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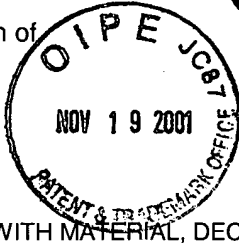
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001, the period for response having been extended two months by petition herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim for the corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing current revisions is attached.

17. (Amended) A method of forming a construction beam comprising filling a tubular housing with a solid material, the tubular housing forming a part of the

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